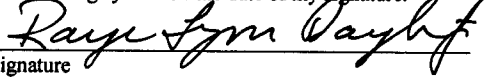


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This paper is filed with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in response to the Office action made final and mailed April 8, 2008. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time, extending the deadline for response to October 8, 2008. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2638 with the three-month extension fee and any other fees associated with this Amendment. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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